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Danger Point Lighthouse (\pm S34 37.807 E19 18.130) and the Birkenhead Memorial HMS Birkenhead also referred to as HM Troopship Birkenhead or steam frigate Birkenhead, was one of the first iron-hulled ships built for the Royal Navy. She was designed as a frigate, but was converted to a troopship before being commissioned.

On 26 February 1852, while transporting troops to Algoa Bay, she was wrecked at Danger Point near Gansbaai, Western Cape. There were not enough serviceable lifeboats for all the passengers, and the soldiers famously stood firm, thereby allowing the women and children to board the boats safely. Only 193 of the 643 people on board survived, and the soldiers' chivalry gave rise to the "women and children first" protocol when abandoning ship, while the "Birkenhead drill" of Rudyard Kipling's poem came to describe courage in face of hopeless circumstances.

SARL ZS4 Sprint

This is a fun activity to promote contacts between radio amateurs in the Free State and radio amateurs in Southern African countries. The Sprint is run from 14:00 to 15:00 UTC [16:00 to 17:00 CAT] on Sunday 20 May 2012 and is a phone and CW contest in the 40-metre band.

The exchange ZS4 stations will give is a RS(T) report and the town name or abbreviation, while other stations will give a RS(T) report and their provincial or country abbreviation.

Scoring - for ZS4: contacts with stations in ZS4 are worth 1 point and contacts with stations in other ZS call areas or Southern African countries are worth 2 points. For other stations: contacts with stations in ZS4 are worth 2 points and contacts with stations in own or other ZS call areas (excluding ZS4) or Southern African countries are worth 1 point. Contacts with the Bloemfontein RAC, ZS4BFN, Vrystaat Radioklub, ZS4B or the Sasolburg ARC, ZS4SRK is worth 5 points each, only one contact per station is allowed

Log Sheets. Log sheets shall be submitted by 4 June and can be sent to The Sasolburg Amateur Radio Club, ZS4SRK, PO Box 28194, Sonlandpark, 1944 or by e-mail to riaanzs4pr@gmail.com and copy fwolff@global.co.za

Awards. A certificate will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the competition.

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National Amateur Radio Day, 16 June 2012

The South Africa Radio League has named 16 June as National Amateur Radio Day, celebrating Amateur Radio as a National Resource and its diversity as the most exciting of all scientific hobbies.

The objective is to take amateur radio to the public by exhibiting and doing live demonstrations of the various aspects that make amateur radio great and a fun thing to be part of. It is planned that the activity be run from 09:00 - 14:00.

Individual participation

All radio amateurs should participate. Here are some ideas what you as an individual can do - operate from a park near you using trees as antenna supports and operate. A simple dipole or inverted V will get you on 20 and 40 metres. You may not talk to the world but you will communicate with stations in Southern Africa. Moreover, if the band is open who knows whom you will talk to? Get family members to help you distribute brochures about amateur radio and hand out buttons with an amateur radio slogan, which are all available from the SARL.

Those who are stuck at home for whatever reason, you can still participate by getting on the air and talk to the demo stations.

Club Participation

Set up a display at a busy shopping centre or large store like Incredible Connection, a Camping store or a large super market or in a park.

On the air activities on National Amateur Radio Day will include the Youth Day Sprint.

Supporting activities

09:00 - 09:55 Young people talk about amateur radio. Young people talk about amateur radio is a pre-recorded programme with young people talking about how they came into amateur radio and what it means to them. If you are under 25, send an email with your contact details to artoday@sarl.org.za to participate.

10:00 - 12:00 Youth Day Sprint. This is a fun activity to Celebrate Youth Day and to promote contacts between young radio amateurs in Southern African countries. Call "CQ Youth Day". Many prizes to be won by participants.

12:00 - 12:45 Senior Amateurs Remember. Senior Amateurs Remember is a pre-recorded programme with senior amateurs sharing their experience and unusual events in Amateur Radio. Audio files will be available to clubs to broadcast on HF and VHF. To take part send your contact details to artoday@sarl.org.za.

More details about all the National Amateur Radio Day activities will be mailed to members and clubs during next week and will be available on www.sarl.org.za.

DXCC News (Card Checker and 160 Metres)

May 2012

- 1 – Worker's Day
- 5 and 6 – Riebeek Valley Olive Festival, Riebeek Kasteel and Riebeek West; LA Sports 4x4 Products in Action Show, Pretoria
- 6 – ZS3 Sprint
- 12 – SA AMSAT Symposium, Durban
- 12 and 13 – AWA Valve QSO Party
- 13 – Mother's Day
- 17 – Ascension Day
- 18 to 20 – ABSA Calitzdorp Port and Wine Festival
- 18 to 20 – Dayton Hamvention
- 20 – ZS4 Sprint
- 20 - National Museums Day
- 24 – Radio Amateur Exam
- 26 – Stars and Planets evening, Gariep Dam
- 26 and 27 – CQ WPX CW Contest
- 27 – SARL Digital contest
- 30 – SARL 80 m Club contest, digital

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Bill Moore, NC1L, ARRL Awards Branch Manager, reports: "In order to facilitate retrieval of DXCC card checkers for the DXCC, WAS, VUCC and WAC programs besides the individual search feature on the DXCC web site, I have also posted a link to a file called DXCC Card Checker Master. This link will take you to the complete list of card checkers worldwide. In addition, an added purpose for this file is to help you locate a card checker near you that is authorised to check 160 metres.

Remember, all checkers can now check deleted entities but certain restrictions still apply to 160 metres, as follows - in the attached file, you will see entries that are in 'BOLD/RED'. These checkers are authorised to check 160-Metre cards. As per the new rule, only card checkers with an active 160-Metre DXCC award account are authorised to verify 160 metres. If your card checker is not noted in 'bold/red', please do not take 160 metre cards for them to check. In addition to the 'bold/red' a notation of '160M' is noted next to their call sign in superscript, which also notes this permission. Please see this link, which will take you to the master list <http://www.arrl.org/dxcc-card-checker-master-1>

The search feature to do a search by your state or country for your local card checker is still available, but at this time there is no note that indicates they are eligible to check 160 metres <http://www.arrl.org/dxcc-card-checker-search>"

CQ introduces IndustryInsider e-newsletter

CQ Communications, Inc., today announced the launch of the CQ Industry Insider, an e-mail newsletter for the hobby radio industry.

The newsletter will report on news and trends in the amateur radio, scanning and listening marketplace, as well as company news and announcements, marketing tips and an idea exchange for spotlighting concepts for new products and services. The first issue was sent out this week.

"Our goal in publishing the IndustryInsider is to help businesses in the amateur radio industry thrive and grow," said Publisher Dick Ross, K2MGA, "by sharing industry news and trends, marketing tips and product ideas."

The Editor of the CQ Industry Insider is Jason Feldman, who currently works with both Popular Communications and WorldRadio Online, is Director of Pop'Comm's monitoring registration program, and who came to CQ with considerable experience in producing e-mail trade newsletters. Feldman will be backed up by Ad Manager Chip Margelli, K7JA, Editorial Director Rich Moseson, W2VU, Production Director Dottie Kehrwieder, and the rest of the CQ Communications staff.

The CQ Industry Insider is being distributed initially to companies and individuals already on the CQ advertising department e-mail list. Industry members not on the list who would like to be added should contact Chip Margelli at ads@cq-amateur-radio.com.

Transit of Venus Special Event, 6 June 2012

For the seventh time in human history and last time this century, Venus will pass in front of the sun on 6 June 2012. Bob Bruninga, WB4APR, is encouraging radio amateurs to join up with astronomers and observers in public places to share in this event

It is observable worldwide except the centre of the Atlantic (eastern S America and western Africa). Everywhere else can see parts of it. It lasts 5+ hours and is fully visible around the Pacific Rim.

All previous centuries were before the discovery of radio and so sailing ships were dispatched around the globe to time the event. From these times, the size of the Solar System





could be calculated. It took months if not years to get the data back. Now we can do it in 0.05 seconds with amateur radio.

See if you can contact amateurs at other Transit of Venus sites from your public observing site. Here are the suggested calling frequencies.

We do not want contest-style pileups or home stations. We just want a place where similar public setups can contact like minded other public viewing sites via ham radio and make their reports. See the web page: <http://aprs.org/VenusTransit2012.html>

We are suggesting these calling frequencies: 40 metres - 7 180 KHz; 20 metres - 14 240 KHz; 17 metres - 18 140 KHz; 15 metres - 21 240 KHz; 12 metres - 24 940 KHz; 10 metres - 28 340 KHz; VHF - APRS on the local national calling channel. Send APRS messages as noted on the web page. Bob Bruninga, WB4APR, will be observing in Japan with a Japanese (TBD) call sign, APRS Venus Transit 2012 <http://aprs.org/VenusTransit2012.html>

7O6T - Socotra Island DXpedition

30 April to 15 May 2012

By Dmitry, RA9USU, Leader, Igor, RA3AUU, Co-Leader and David, K3LP, Co-Leader

Dated: 16 May 2012

It gives us great pleasure to bring the 7O6T - Socotra Island DXpedition to a successful finish on 15 May 2012, at 21:00 GMT. As we finalize the checking of our Club Log QSO data, we celebrate with each of you in achieving the 162 029 QSOs logged. Each of our team members achieved many individual and team successes. This included working outside their normal operating comfort zone and working day after day using 8 to 12 hour work shifts with only getting 4 hours of sleep then hitting the stations operating again. They did not complain as they forged forward in a manner we have never seen. For this, we are extremely proud of their efforts.

As part of the informal operating agreement, we were limited to six radios and ten operators total. Remember, this means five operators available during anyone shift with six operators operating during peak performance periods. When you break these five operators into CW, SSB, RTTY and 160/80 Metre, you can run out of enough people quickly just because all bands and modes are open at the same time. We had three camp locations in order to reduce interference; CW Camp (Summerland Hotel), SSB Camp (Taj Socotra Hotel) and 160/80 Meter Camp at a remote beach location. Each of these locations remained on gas or diesel power generators throughout their operation. We would lose power at least once or twice each day at the Taj Socotra Hotel location for 1 to 3 hours each time. We acquired a gas-powered generator for use at the 160/80 Metre Camp.

Though in any major DXpeditions such as this, there are issues that get identified and warrant re-direction, re-planning and even a few changes in operating philosophy. Prior to, during and after closing our operating positions, the team had many review meetings to improve our team's performance. The DX Community at large provided valuable information that helped us to succeed. Thank you for your emails and comments regarding adjustments to frequencies, band openings, best use of operators, mode use, and logging errors. This input made us stronger and will be applied as we move forward on future planned DXpeditions.

As early as February 2010, the planning for this trip began. Initially, one may not believe that such an event would be even possible. This trip came about as a result of focusing on being a good person and building meaningful relationships in the Republic of Yemen. After numerous Dmitry trips and flights from Moscow to Sana'a, then from Sana'a to Socotra Island, it became evident that a future DXpedition to the Republic of Yemen might be possible. Just like in business, even a 99% possible business deal sometimes does not close. For this reason, events occurring prior to Dmitry's formal announcement were never released or discussed except with the two Co-Leaders, Igor, RA3AUU, and David, K3LP.

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Dmitry, RA9USU, and David, K3LP, had various conversations along the way leading up to this event regarding the Operating Plan and Logistics. Our plan was to have the DXpedition occur the first week of June 2012 when we both had cleared our work schedules and when all the radios, amps, antennas, and supplies would be shipped in advance. After Dmitry landed on Socotra Island on 12 April, it became apparent that our plan was coming to fruition faster than expected. Dmitry made a couple of round trips to and from Socotra Island and Sana'a resulting in several formal approvals being given. At this point, we were faced with a choice on either to have Dmitry operate as a single operator or try to invest as much energy as possible in brief moment to organize a team and have them fly two days later to Socotra Island. We elected to proceed with a bigger team and try our best to make the event significant!

Dmitry, RA9USU, Team Leader and Igor, RA3AUU, had contacted David, K3LP, just as he arrived in California at the Visalia DX-Convention on 18 and 19 April 2012, that our trip was a go and needed to be started on 30 April and ended on 15 May 2012. This forced us to abandon our prior Operations Plan and quickly devise a quick and dirty approach before the opportunity disappeared. This meant assembling an operating team that could go immediately, applying for visas, having each team member pack their applicable radios, amps, computers, antennas, filters, keyer, headset, coax, etc., immediately purchase their airline tickets and get ready to depart on 26 April 2012 arriving in Socotra Island on 28 April 2012.

This also meant that we were not in a position to discuss or request donations from organisations, clubs or individuals in fear of having the DXpedition cancelled. As you can imagine, this expensive trip lasted from 12 April (i.e. included on site planning) until 16 May 2012.

In order not to draw any attention to our activities, we used only one large movement of equipment into the country and prevented our second arriving team members to bring anything. In addition, no informal or formal announcement was made until 30 April 2012 as we activated our 7O6T website, www.yemen2012.com, and communicated our intentions via the internet and emails.

After getting limited team member contributions requested beyond their personal hotel, food and airline tickets (about \$2 800.00), we are still in the hole about \$25 000.00, so your individual contributions are greatly really needed. A complete 7O6T Finance spreadsheet was put together detailing all income and expenses for this trip and will be shared with NCDXF upon our return in hopes of getting their support.

You can submit your QSL Card request direct or via the bureau. Each will be responded too in a timely manner. In saying this, it takes a lot more time to process the manual requests. In order to provide an expedited QSL service, here are a few adjustments that we are making to our website www.yemen2012.com:

- Adding PayPal payment for electronic QSL Card confirmations. No need to send QSL cards, once you "valid date and time" of your QSO's on line and make a payment, these cards will be sent out first.

- Adding key space for major sponsors to the website

We want to thank the DX Community for their hard work, patience and willingness in making this DX-pedition a major success. We are all on our way home at this time.

African DX

Uganda, 5X. Freddy, F5IRO/J28RO, who is here on a work assignment until June, has applied for the call sign 5X5RO, with the help of David, 5X1D (KH9AE), and is now active. Freddy states, "The station is quite ready to be set up; just some work on the vertical antenna to finish it." His station is an Elecraft K3 using verticals or dipoles. Activity will be on CW on the upper HF bands, especially on 10 MHz in the evening (5X = GMT + 3) and possibly some PSK operation.

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Watch the DXClusters for spots. He was spotted on 30 and 15 metres this past week (21 013 and 10 131 kHz). QSL is via Michel, F8DFP, by the French Bureau or direct (w/SAE and IRC). For more updates and info, watch Freddy's Blog page at <http://j28ro.blogspot.com>

Somalia, 6O. Darko, J28AA/E70A, will once again be active as 6O3A from Hargeisa between 25 and 31 May. Activity will be on SSB, RTTY and 50 MHz. He also plans to be in the CQ WW WPX CW Contest (26 and 27 May) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via K2PF or E77E. For possible updates (under news), online log, and pictures, check out the Bosnia and Herzegovina Contest Club's Web page [BHCC] at <http://bhcc.ba>. Also look on QRZ.com under 6O3A.

Somalia, 6O, (6O3A Press Release #2, dated 12 May). Paul Ewing/N6PSE, from "The Intrepid-DX Group", reports: "Due to the recent activation of Somalia by the 600CW group, the Intrepid-DX Group has decided to cancel our previously announced plans to conduct a DXpedition in November 2012, as 6O3A. We feel that the need for 6O contacts has been sufficiently diminished to make it worthwhile to continue with our plans. In the coming days we will refund 100% of all donations made to us. We hope to make other rare activations for 2013. Our friend, Darko Rusman, E70A, continues to hold the 6O3A license and will be active from time to time from Somaliland.... Thank you, Paul N6PSE, The Intrepid-DX Group"

Angola, D2. Craig, MMOSSG, is now active as D2SG from Luanda and will be there until around 31 October. Activity will be limited because he is there on a work assignment on an off-shore oil platform. Operations will only take place when he is on land. Reported QSNs show activity has been on 10 metres CW. QSL via GM4FDM, direct or by the Bureau.

Algeria, 7X. Members of the Djelfa Radio Club, 7X2VFK, are activating the special event station 7U50ND from the 4th International HAM Radio meeting in Djelfa from 20 to 26 May celebrating the 50th anniversary of Algerian independence and the 20th jubilee of their club.

African Islands

Canary Islands, EA8, IOTA AF-004. The special event station EH8ITU is working from Gran Canaria (Loc IL28fc) during the ITU Day celebrations from 17 to 20 May. QSL via EA8ADL (bureau/direct).

Special Event Stations

Poland. The special event station SN750K marks the 750th anniversary of the city of Krzesnica. Operators will be Weronika, SQ1KSL, from 18 May to 8 June and Slawek, SQ1KSM, between 9 June and 2 July. QSL via bureau. See also <http://slawera.ovh.org>

Ukraine. The special call sign EM100RU celebrates 100 years of amateur radio in the Ukraine until 31 May. They have also issued special awards, see <http://uarl.com.ua>. QSL via UT1RT.

Contest Calendar

This week's contests compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is 14 to 21 May 2012.

NAQCC-EU Monthly Sprint

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18:00 - 20:00 UTC 14 May

Mode: CW

Bands: 80, 40, 20 m

Classes: Single Op

Max power: 5 watts

Exchange: RST, country and NAQCC no or power

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-member; 2 points per QSO with member

Multipliers: Each country in Europe; First country in each continent worked other than Europe

Key Type Mult: 2 x if straight key, 1,5 x if bug, 1 x if other

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults x key type mult

Submit logs by: 20:00 UTC 17 May 2012

E-mail logs to: submitlog@naqcc-eu.org

Upload log at: <http://www.naqcc-eu.org/autologger/>

Mail logs to: M Ireland MW3YMY, Pen-y-Gadlas, Ffordd Bryniau, Meliden, Prestatyn, Denbighshire LL19 8RD, UK

Find rules at: <http://naqcc-eu.org/SprintHelp/SprintRules.pdf>

RSGB 80 m Club Championship, Data

19:00 - 20:30 UTC 16 May

Mode: RTTY, PSK

Bands: 80 m Only

Classes: (none)

Exchange: RST and serial no

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: (see rules)

Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 23 May 2012

Upload log at: <http://www.vhfcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2012/r80mcc.shtml>

NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint

00:30 - 02:30 UTC 17 May

Mode: CW

Bands: 80, 40, 20 m

Classes: (none)

Max power: 5 watts

Exchange: RST, state, province or country and NAQCC no or power

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-member

2 points per QSO with member

Multipliers: Each state, province or country once

Key Type Mult: 2 x if straight key, 1,5 x if bug, 1 x if other

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults x key type mult

Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 20 May 2012

E-mail logs to: naqcc33@windstream.net

Upload log at: <http://naqcc.n4lcd.com/sprintlog.html>

Mail logs to: John Shannon, K3WWP, 478 E. High St., Kittanning, PA 16201, USA





Find rules at: <http://naqcc.info/sprint201205.html>

QRP Minimal Art Session

16:00 - 22:00 UTC 17 May

Mode: CW

Bands: 80, 40 m

Classes: A - TRandRX or TRX consisting of not more than 100 components; B - TX consisting of not more than 50 components, RX as you like; C - TRandRX or TRX consisting of nor more than 100 components, max 1 integrated circuit

Max power: 5 watts

Exchange: RST, "/", class and number of components

Score Calculation: (see rules)

Submit logs by: 31 May 2012

E-mail logs to: mas@grpcc.de

Mail logs to: Peter Haensel, DL6CGC, Hoetenslebener Str. 15, Barneberg, D-39393 Hoetensleben, Germany

Find rules at: <http://www.grpcc.de/contestrules/mas/qrpmasr-e.html>

NCCC RTTY Sprint

01:30 - 02:00 UTC 18 May

Mode: RTTY

Bands: (see rules)

Classes: (none)

Exchange: (see rules)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 20 May 2012

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at: <http://www.hornucopia.com/3830score/>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html>

NCCC Sprint

02:30 - 03:00 UTC 18 May

Mode: (see rules)

Bands: (see rules)

Classes: (none)

Exchange: (see rules)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 20 May 2012

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at: <http://www.hornucopia.com/3830score/>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html>

The Day of YLs

00:00 UTC 19 May - 23:30 UTC 20 May

Mode: CW, SSB, Digital

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op; Rover; Rookie





Exchange: RS(T) and YL/OM

QSO Points: 1 per QSO

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 26 June 2012

E-mail logs to: f5isy@orange.fr

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://thedayofyls.monsite-orange.fr/>

UN DX Contest

09:00 UTC 19 May to 09:00 UTC 20 May

Mode: CW, SSB

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op - CW, SSB or Mixed - Low or High; Single Op Single Band; Multi-Op Single Transmitter; SWL

Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts

Exchange: Kazakhstan: RS(T) and District Code; non-Kazakhstan: RS(T) and QSO no

Work stations: Once per band per mode

QSO Points: 2 points per QSO with same country; 3 points per QSO with different country, same continent; 5 points per QSO with different continent; non-Kazakhstan: 10 points per QSO with Kazakhstan station

Multipliers: Each KDA district once per band; Each DXCC country once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 22 June 2012

E-mail logs to: UNDXC2012@MAIL.RU

Mail logs to: UN DX Contest, PO Box 88, 010000 Astana, Kazakhstan

Find rules at:

http://kw.cqun.kz/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=105%3Aundxc2012&catid=37&Itemid=81

Aegean RTTY Contest

12:00 UTC 19 May to 12:00 UTC 20 May

Mode: RTTY

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op; Multi-Op

Exchange: RST and QSO no

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 15 June 2012

E-mail logs to: sv8cyr@gmail.com

Mail logs to: Aegean RTTY Contest, PO Box 04, 83100 Samos Hellas, Greece

Find rules at:

<http://www.aegeandxgroup.gr/dx%20pdf/AEGEAN%20RTTY%20CONTEST%20RULES%20neo.pdf>

EU PSK DX Contest

12:00 UTC 19 May to 12:00 UTC 20 May

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Mode: BPSK63

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op All Band - high or low - 24 h or 12 h; Single Op Single Band - high or low; Multi-Single - young or old; Multi-Multi - young or old

Max power: HP: 100 watts; LP: 10 watts

Exchange: EU: RST and EU area code; non-EU: RST and QSO no

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with same country; 2 points per QSO with different country, same continent; 3 points per QSO with different continent; non-EU Stations: 5 points per QSO with EU

Multipliers: Each DXCC country once per band; Each EU area code once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 4 June 2012

E-mail logs to: contest@epc-ru.ru

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: http://eu.srars.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=20&Itemid=48

His Majesty the King of Spain CW Contest

12:00 UTC 19 May to 12:00 UTC 20 May

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op All Band; Single Op Single Band; Multi-Op

Exchange: EA: RST and province; non-EA: RST and serial no

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: Each EA province once per band; Each EADX100 entity, except EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 10 June 2012

E-mail logs to: smreycw@ure.es

Mail logs to: URE HF Contests, PO Box 220, 28080 Madrid, Spain

Find rules at: <http://www.ure.es/contest/431-sm-el-rey-contest-english-version.html>

Feld Hell Sprint

16:00 - 18:00 UTC 19 May

Mode: Feld Hell

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: (none)

Max power: Standard: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: (see rules)

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: (see rules)

Bonus Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: (see rules)

Score Calculation: (see rules)

Submit logs by: 26 May 2012

E-mail logs to: kj8o@wowway.com

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub/Home/contests/sprint-rules>



**Baltic Contest**

21:00 UTC 19 May to 02:00 UTC 20 May

Mode: CW, SSB

Bands: 80 m Only

Classes: Single Op CW/SSB; Single Op CW; Single Op SSB; Multi-Single; SWL

Exchange: RS(T) and serial no

Work stations: Once per mode

QSO Points: ES/YL/LY Stations: 1 point per QSO with EU; ES/YL/LY Stations: 2 points per QSO with non-EU; EU Stations: 10 points per QSO with ES/YL/LY; EU Stations: 1 point per QSO with non-EU; non-EU Stations: 20 points per QSO with ES/YL/LY; non-EU Stations: 1 point per QSO with non-ES/YL/LY

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 1 July 2012

E-mail logs to: lrsf@lrsf.lt

Mail logs to: Baltic Contest, PO Box 210, LT-44003 Kaunas, Lithuania

Find rules at: http://www.lrsf.lt/bcontest/english/rules_html.htm**UA2 QSO Party**

13:00 - 16:59 UTC 20 May

Mode: CW, SSB

Bands: 80, 40, 20 m

Classes: Single Op - CW, SSB or Mixed; Multi-Single; Junior Multi-Single; SWL

Exchange: UA2: RS(T) and RDA ID; non-UA2: RS(T) and serial no

Work stations: Once per band per mode

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-UA2 station; 5 points per QSO with UA2 station

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 20 June 2012

E-mail logs to: ua2ff@grz.ru

Mail logs to: Dmitry Gorshkov PO Box 73, Kaliningrad 236000, Russia

Find rules at: <http://www.grz.ru/contest/detail/382.html>**Run for the Bacon QRP Contest**

01:00 - 03:00 UTC 21 May

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Band; All Band

Max power: 5 watts

Exchange: RST, state, province or country and member no or power

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-member; 3 points per QSO with member on same continent; 5 points per QSO with member on different continent

Multipliers: Each state, province or country once

Multiply mults by 2 if >50 members worked

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 27 May 2012

E-mail logs to: (none)

Upload log at: <http://fpqrp.org/pigrun/autolog.php>



Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://fpqrp.org/pigrun/>

Next Week's Contests

SKCC Sprint, 00:00 - 02:00 UTC 23 May

CWops Mini-CWT Test, 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 23 May and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 24 May

RSGB 80 m Club Championship, CW 19:00 - 20:30 UTC 24 May

NCCC Sprint Ladder 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 25 May

CQ WW WPX Contest, CW 00:00 UTC 26 May to 23:59 UTC 27 May

SARL Digital Contest 13:00 - 16:00 UTC 27 May

QRP ARCI Hootowl Sprint 20:00 local - 24:00 local 27 May

MI QRP Memorial Day CW Sprint, 23:00 UTC 27 May to 03:00 UTC 28 May

History This Week

A look back at events that made history this week - compiled by the Summerland Amateur Radio Club of Lismore, NSW and Dennis, ZS4BS. The week starting Monday 14 May 2012.

0218 - Seventh recorded perihelion passage of Halley's Comet (17 May)

1620 - First merry-go-round seen at a fair at Philippopolis, Turkey (17 May)

1803 - John Hawkins and Richard French patent the reaping machine (17 May)

1819 - First bicycles (swift walkers) in US introduced in New York City (21 May)

1830 - Edwin Budding of England signs an agreement for the manufacture of his invention, the lawn mower. Saturdays are destroyed forever (18 May)

1830 - First railroad timetable published in a newspaper, Baltimore American (20 May)

1846 - The saxophone is patented by Antoine Joseph Sax (17 May)

1851 - Amsterdam-Nieuwediep telegraph connection linked (18 May)

1881 - World's first electric tram goes into service in Lichterfelder, near Berlin (16 May)

1891 - First motion picture shown to National Federation of Women's Clubs (22 May)

1892 - Dr Washington Sheffield invents the toothpaste tube (22 May)

1892 - Charles Brady King invents the pneumatic hammer (19 May)

1900 - British troops relieve Mafeking (17 May)

1906 - Wright Brothers patent an aeroplane (22 May)

1906 - Louis H Perlman patents a demountable tyre-carrying rim for cars (21 May)

1910 - Passage of Earth through the tail of Halley's Comet causes near panic (18 May)

1918 - First electrically propelled warship, the New Mexico (20 May)

1964 - First nuclear-powered lighthouse begins operations at Chesapeake Bay (21 May)

I'm My Own Grandpa

Guy Lombardo

Now many many years ago when I was twenty-three, I was married to a widow who was pretty as can be.

This widow had a grown-up daughter who had hair of red.

My father fell in love with her and soon they too were wed

Oh I'm my own grandpa

Why not give QRP contesting a try during the next couple of weekends?





I'm my own granpa
It sounds funny I know,
But it really is so
Oh I'm my own grandpa

This made my dad, my son-in-law and changed my very life.
My daughter was my mother 'cause she was my father's wife.
To complicate the matter even though it brought me joy, I soon became the father of a bounc-ing baby boy

My little baby then became a brother-in-law to Dad.
And so became my uncle, though it made me very sad.
For if he was my uncle, then that also made him br'ther of the widow's grown-up daughter who
was also my stepmother

Father's wife then had a son who kept them on the run.
And he became my grandchild, for he was my daughter's son.
My wife is now my mother's mother and it makes me blue.
Because altho' she is my wife, she's my grandmother too

Now if my wife is my grandmother, then I'm her grandchild.
And every time I think of it, it nearly drives me wild.
For now I have become the strangest case I ever saw.
As husband of my grandmother, I am my own grandpa

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